(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the calculated revenue loss to the exchequer; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent such illegal activities in the future alongwith details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In June 2002, Pune Police seized fake judicial and non-judicial stamp papers with a face value of more than Rs. 2,028 crore in a series of raids in Pune, Mumbai and Thane. Other materials, such as fake court stamps, fake revenue stamps, fake share transfer stamps, fake insurance stamps, printing machinery, stationery, computers, cash and a car were also recovered. A case has been registered in PS Bundgarden, Pune, Nearly a dozen persons have been arrested. In the second case, Delhi Police seized on May 7, 2002 fake non-judicial stamp papers with a face value of Rs. six lakhs besides fake Indian Nepalese and US currencies in different stages of 'manufacture'. Five perosns were arrested. In another case of recovery of fake stamps papers, Chandigarh Police intercepted on July 28, 2002, a Tata Safari vehicle with fake share transfer stamps, insurance stamps, postage stamps, revenue stamps, etc. of the face value of more than Rs. 2.30 crores. Four persons were apprehended in this case. A criminal case No. 549/2000 was registered on 19.08.2002 in PS Uppar Pet, Bangalore city following exposure of criculation of fake stamp papers in Karnataka. The Gvoernment of Karnataka has intimated that a special investigation team headed by a senior police officer of the rank of Additional Director General of Police has already been constituted to investigate the case. The Government of Maharashtra has reported that various measures have been taken to address the problem. These include alerting the field officers about the use of counterfeit stamps, issuing general instructions regarding features for identifying counterfeit stamps, circulating list of suspicious stamp vendors to the Sub-Registrar Offices and undertaking thorough and details scrutiny of the documents registered in the last two years.

Shivani Bhatnagar Murder Case

1570. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been able to unravel the mystery of

the murder of the eminent journalist Shivani Bhatnagar which took place about three years back;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the offenders have been booked under the law;

(c) whether the name of a Union Minister also figured in connection with the murder and if so, the details thereof and action proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(d) if answer to (a) above is in the negative, the reasons for such inordinate delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The investigation in this cases has been completed and the charge sheet against the persons involved in the murder has been filed in the Court.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Voluntary Organisations in Madhubani, Bihar getting aid from Foreign Institutions

†1571. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and addresses of the voluntary organisations located in district Madhubani, Bihar which are receiving aid from foreign institutes;

(b) the details of the foreign institutes providing aid alongwith names and addresses thereof;

(c) the details of the aid received from foreing countries by these institutes during the last three years and how the said amount was used;

(d) if any monitoring has been carried out by Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The details are available on the Ministry of home Affairs website-mha. nic.in/fore.htm.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.